

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association

Board of Director Meeting Minutes February 2, 2011

Attending:

Asha Jennings, Greg Smith, Margaret Buss, Tom Martens, Roberta Lee Franklin

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Directors approved the minutes from the January 2011 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

We are starting to see income from membership payments.

The Board agreed to send out membership reminders with stamped, self-addressed return envelopes.

Preservation Report

Alley House

The City Council voted on the Alley House at it February 1, 2011 meeting. The Council asked that the Alley House be two stories, or a change in the exterior materials.

The City Council also is going to review its guidelines of alley development.

The Board agreed to email the Council members thanking them for their consideration of the issue.

2400 Q Street

There is a remodel at 2400 Q Street.

Park Beat Newsletter

Next month, we are going to start with a new printer. This will be \$75 less per month than the old printer.

Margaret is getting a lot more copies of Park Beat than she needs to deliver. She is getting 92 copies, but only needs to deliver 42 copies.

Asha will prepare a calendar of events.

The Board agreed to get an article for a historic house from our files and use that.

Ash will coordinate with the Friends of the River Banks and Friends of Grant Park for any updates.

Julie will get a garden to-do list from Talini's Nursery.

Asha will write up something on the election next week. There will be time after the election to get something into the February Park Beat.

We will need to write up a Save the Date box. See a later agenda item.

Asha will write up a dues reminder.

Tom will write an article asking people to start thinking about the annual yard sale.

We will use the article from last month on the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association Facebook page.

Margaret will write up a Who to Call list for various City services.

Margaret and Roberta will work on an article about the Alley House and alley development. Margaret wants to highlight the important issues as the City reviews its alley development guidelines.

Agenda Items and General Discussion

Calendar of Events

Board Meetings

The monthly Board meetings will be held at:

March 3, 2011	Greg's House
April 6, 2011	Tom's House
May 4, 2011	Roberta's House
June 6, 2011	Margaret's House
July 6, 2011	Hal's House
August 3, 2011	Asha's House
September 7, 2011	Greg's House
October 5, 2011	Tom's House
November 2, 2011	Roberta's House
December 7, 2011	Hal's House

The meetings will start at 7:30 PM.

Annual Events

Yard Sale will be held on June 4, 2011. Tom volunteered to be in charge of this. We need to check with Pat to see if we can use his garage.

Summer Meeting will be held on July 16, 2011. Tom volunteered to organize this. He did it last year and it was a hit.

National Night Out will be held on August 2, 2011. Roberta volunteered to organize this. Tom will help her out, as the first part of the evening is usually held in front of his house.

Spaghetti Dinner will be held on September 10, 2011. Greg volunteered to organize this. If you have an idea for entertainment, please let Greg know. The Board discussed asking Midtown Business Association if they wanted to sponsor the entertainment (pay for the entertainment). MBA is looking for advertising venues. Margaret will talk to Amber about this.

A Block Captain Party will be held at Hal's house in March. There is no date set. Hal and Greg will want to explain the membership drive, and thank the Block Captains for distributing the Park Beat.

Alley Development Guidelines

Margaret suggested that we start developing a list of standards and concerns for alley development for Boulevard Park

By-Laws

We may need to revise the By-Laws.

The part about attending three events during the year to be a member is currently unenforceable, because we do not keep records of who attends what events. This was originally included when there were contentious issues, and someone could pack the Board by offering free pizza the night of the Board elections. The Board agreed that any side of an issue could pack the Board, and maybe this clause was not needed any more.

The part of the By-Laws addressing a slate of candidates also needs to be clarified or re-written.

Hal may remember much of the hows and whys of the by-laws.

Membership Drive

Hal and Greg are working on a membership drive. When the Block Captains deliver the Park Beat in April, each Block Captain will be given a list of single family homes with Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association members. We will ask the Block Captains to note the single family homes that do not have Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association members. The Block Captains will email this information to Greg and Hal in April. In May, the Block Captains will be given a membership flyer to insert into the Park

Beat for those single family homes without Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association members when they deliver the Park Beat.

The plan is to have a Block Captain meeting in March to explain this, as well as an article in the March Park Beat to inform the neighborhood.

Hart Center

The Board deposited some money with the Hart Center to hold its January 2011 General Meeting there. The rules of the Hart Center allow for the deposit to stand for the calendar year. The Board does not foresee holding any other events there in 2011, so we agreed to get our deposit back.

The Board discussed holding the 2012 General Meeting at Courtyard or Washington School; someplace that would be easier to reserve than the Hart Center.

Julie Ong is the person to talk to about reservations at the Hart Center. Her telephone number is 916.808.5147.

Other Issues

Roger Dickinson will be holding a town hall meeting on February 16, 2011, at the Freemont Presbyterian Church.

Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on March 3, 2011, at Greg's House.